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Fluorine From Surfaces of
Fluorinated Low-K Dielectric
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 18, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits a Request for Continued Examination, per 37 CFR 1.114, and further requests the Examiner to enter the following preliminary amendments and consider the following remarks.

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